PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME		Docket No.:	ABB1207P0860US
Serial No.:	09/669,082	Filing Date:	September 25, 2000
Group Art Unit:	1641	Examiner:	Pensee T. Do
Applicant(s):	Richard L. Schmid, et al.		
Invention:	Methods and Kits for Decreasing Interferences in Plasma or Serum Containing Assay Samples of Specific Binding Assays		

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 10, 2004 in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached Response timely.

Extension Fee For Response Within:

	First Month		Second Month		Third Month		Fourth Month	
Large Entity:	☐	$120.00	☐	$450.00	☒	$1,020.00	☐	$1,590.00
Small Entity:	☐	$60.00	☐	$225.00	☐	$510.00	☐	$795.00

☒ A check in the amount of $1,020.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

☐ Charge $_____ to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition For Extension of Time is being deposited with the United States Postal Services with first class mail sufficient postage an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on February 8, 2005.

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